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Weicker Quits, Blasts Ethics Panel on Korea

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., has resigned from the Senate Ethics Committee, complaining that leaders of the panel are blocking a thorough investigation of the Korean influence-buying scandal.

In a sharply worded letter to the ranking members of the six-man committee, Weicker referred specifically to his unsuccessful efforts to gain testimony from former executive branch officials who may have known of, but did not act to stop, efforts by Korean agents to influence American officials.

The resignation was accepted yesterday by Senate Republican leader Howard Baker, and Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, R-Md., was named to the committee to replace Weicker.

Committee Chairman Adlai E. Stevenson, D-Ill., responding to the charge, said the Senate Intelligence Committee is looking into the matters cited by Weicker. Stevenson said the outcome of the Intelligence Committee's work will ultimately show that a "complete and uncompromising" investigation had been conducted.

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